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Minutes of the Arlington Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission & Tree Board Meeting

Council Chambers
110 East Third Street
July 26, 2016

Commissioners Present: Brittany Kleinman, Rob Ruth, Bob Leonard, Steve Maisch, Tiffany McAuslan, Jennifer Egger

Commissioners Absent: Christopher St. John

Staff Present: Sarah Lopez- Recreation Manager, Dave Ryan, Airport Director

Council Present: None

Visitors: None

Commissioner Kleinman called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Leonard moved to approve the minutes of the 4-26-2016 PARC meeting and the 5-24-2016 Park tour. Commissioner Ruth seconded the motion; minutes were approved with a 6-0 vote.

Elections of Chair and Vice Chair

After discussion and no nominations, Commissioner Ruth moved to keep existing Chair and Vice Chair as is. Commissioner Maisch seconded, approved with a 6-0 vote.

Arlington Airport Overview

Arlington Airport Director Dave Ryan gave an overview of Airport operations and Airport property. He explained the event policies and areas used. Discussion about the Airport Boulevard Trail and the maintenance roads. It was noted that there are homeless issues in the wooded areas, warranting increased patrols, and new no camping and no trespassing signs. Mr. Ryan introduced a project that Airport staff is working on, a viewing/observation area for the public to watch planes, learn about aviation and its history in Arlington. The project is going through FAA for approval. PARC is encouraged to have contact with the committee. Commissioner Maisch volunteered to get involved. Commissioner McAuslan asked about the possibility of a fitness course along 51st. Commissioner Ruth volunteered to design the mountain range interpretive sign. Sarah will put him in contact with the sign company. The Airport will fund the sign.

July 4th Activities

Commissioner Kleinman gave a report on the July 4th activities at Haller Park. The rain really decreased the attendance at the events. Devin Brossard expressed his appreciation (through text) to the PARC for their support of the Pedal Paddle Puff and Beer Garden. Commissioner Egger reported that the Education Foundation did really well at the Fireworks concessions.

Brew Festival

The Commission discussed the Brew Festival, which was very successful. Commissioner Leonard expressed concern that the park was totally closed off to the public.

America's Best Communities Projects- Pocket and Pop-Up Parks

Sarah Lopez gave an overview of the ABC projects, particularly the Pocket and Pop-Up Park strategy. The Commission is excited about the project and are willing to participate in the Pop-Up Parks.

Additional ideas included using a Pokémon theme for one, and having charging stations for phones. Sarah will send the Commission a link to Pinterest with examples of Pocket and Pop-Up Parks. The Commission discussed Wi-Fi and how it can benefit Parks and Tourism. They also expressed how Pokémon is bringing positive attention to the parks, getting people moving, and bringing community downtown. The Commission expressed how great they think Arlington is.

Terrace Park Improvements

Sarah announced that the playground borders at Terrace Park will be replaced with concrete curbing sometime in July. This project is possible through a Snohomish County Small Project Grant. Arlington Lions Club is working on painting the restrooms.

Outdoor Movies & Music in the Park

Commissioner Egger said that the Star Wars movie was lots of fun. Commissioner Kleinman expressed that she is excited about the upcoming band for Music on the Terraces.

Public Art Update

The bicycle mural is complete and the Arts Council replaced the sound garden mural with printed metal. Sarah distributed photos.

Photo Contest

Photo contest information was distributed.

August Meeting

There will be no August meeting, instead, the Commission will participate in the Pop Up Parks.

Adjourn

Commissioner Maisch moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Ruth seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm.

_____ Minutes taken by Sarah Lopez